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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2 A tuning system is described that is capable of receiving a number of different  
3 broadcast types such as analog or digital satellite, cable, Internet, and terrestrial airwave  
4 broadcasts. The tuning system stores service records, each service recording containing  
5 information required to tune to a particular channel. These service records are categorized  
6 within service spaces by tuner type, content, or in any other desired manner. A viewer  
7 selects (actively or by default) the service space in which the viewer desires to channel surf.  
8 The viewer then selects the desired channel within that service space. In response to this  
9 selection, the tuning system uses the information within the selected service record to  
10 identify the correct tuner, and to cause that tuner to tune to the selected channel.

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